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Claims:

1-20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously Presented) A method of sending an advertisement to a user operating a wireless communication device, comprising:

 sending first information about a location of the user to a content provider that provides web content to the wireless communication device;

 sending an indication to the content provider when the location is continuously changing;

 searching a first database containing a plurality of location-specific advertisements;

 selecting a first one of the plurality of location-specific advertisements that is associated with the location of the user and is desired to be sent to the user at a stable location that is not continuously changing; and

 sending the first one of the plurality of location-specific advertisements to the wireless communication device over a communication network when the location is stable and not continuously changing.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, further comprising:

 receiving second information about the identity of the user;

 searching a second database containing a plurality of user-specific advertisements;

 identifying a second one of the plurality of user-specific advertisements; and

 sending the second one of the plurality of user-specific advertisements to the wireless communication device over the communication network without transmitting an indication of the identity of the user therewith.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein the second one of the plurality of user-specific advertisements is identified based on one or more criteria pre-selected by the user.

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24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein the first one of the plurality of location-specific advertisements is identified based on one or more criteria pre-selected by the user, the one or more criteria including a preference for not receiving particular advertisements in a particular geographic region.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein the first one of the plurality of location-specific advertisements is identified based on one or more criteria pre-selected by the user, the one or more criteria including a preference for receiving particular advertisements in a particular geographic region.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the first information about the location of the user is sent periodically.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, further comprising:
receiving second information about the identity of the user;
accessing a second database containing a plurality of user-specific preferences;
identifying one or more preferences in the second database that are associated with the user;

selecting the first one of the plurality of location-specific advertisements based on the one or more preferences in the second database; and

sending the first one of the plurality of location-specific advertisements in the form of the first TCP/IP message to the wireless communication device without transmitting an indication of the identity of the user therewith.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein receiving the second information about the identity of the user is accomplished by obtaining the second information for a fee.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the first information about the location of the user includes second information about the identity of the user, and wherein the first one of the plurality of location-specific advertisements is sent to the wireless communication device without transmitting an indication of the identity of the user therewith.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the first information about the location of the user excludes second information about the identity of the user.

31. (Withdrawn) A method of sending an advertisement over a communication network to a user operating a wireless communication device, comprising:

receiving first information about a location of the user;
receiving second information about the identity of the user;
receiving an indication when the location of the user is continuously changing;
searching a database containing a plurality of location-specific advertisements;
selecting one of the plurality of location-specific advertisements based on one or more criteria pre-selected by the user, including a criteria for sending advertisements to the user when the user's location is continuously changing; and
sending the one of the plurality of location-specific advertisements to the wireless communication device over the communication network without transmitting the identity of the user therewith.

32. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 31, wherein receiving the first information about the location of the user is accomplished by obtaining the first information from a service provider for the wireless communication device.

33. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 32, wherein the first information about the location of the user is obtained from the service provider for a fee.

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34. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 31, wherein receiving the second information about the identity of the user includes receiving the second information from a service provider for the wireless communication device.

35. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 31, wherein selecting the one of the plurality of location-specific advertisements includes:

receiving the one or more criteria from the user;
storing the one or more criteria received from the user in the database; and
consulting the one or more criteria while selecting the one of the plurality of location-specific advertisements from the database.

36. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 35, wherein the one or more criteria including a preference for not receiving particular advertisements in a particular geographic region.

37. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 35, wherein the one or more criteria including a preference for receiving particular advertisements in a particular geographic region.

38. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 31, further comprising allowing the user to unblock over the Internet the transmission of the identity of the user.

39 (Withdrawn). The method of claim 31, further comprising disclosing the identity of the user to an emergency service provider when the user requests emergency help.

40. (Withdrawn). The method of claim 31, wherein the one of the plurality of location-specific advertisements is sent over the communication network in the form of a TCP/IP (Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol) message.